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WHAT KIND  
OF WORK  
WOULD YOU  
LIKE TO DO?



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## WHAT KIND OF WORK WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO?

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Selecting the kind of work you would like to do, perhaps for the rest of your life, is a big job. But a little planning and preparation ahead of time will make it easier.

What are your interests? Put them down on paper where you can see them. Money is important, but it is more important to work at a job which gives you a sense of personal accomplishment.

What are your abilities? To be an engineer, you must be good with numbers; to write professionally, you must be good with words; to be a chemist, you must spend long years in school learning your profession. Balance your present and potential abilities against your interests.

What are your opportunities? In today's world, they should be what you make them. But your level of education will increase or decrease your possibilities, as will your willingness to work hard toward objectives you set for yourself, whether you are in a rural area or a big city.



## SHOULD YOU LEAVE THE FARM?

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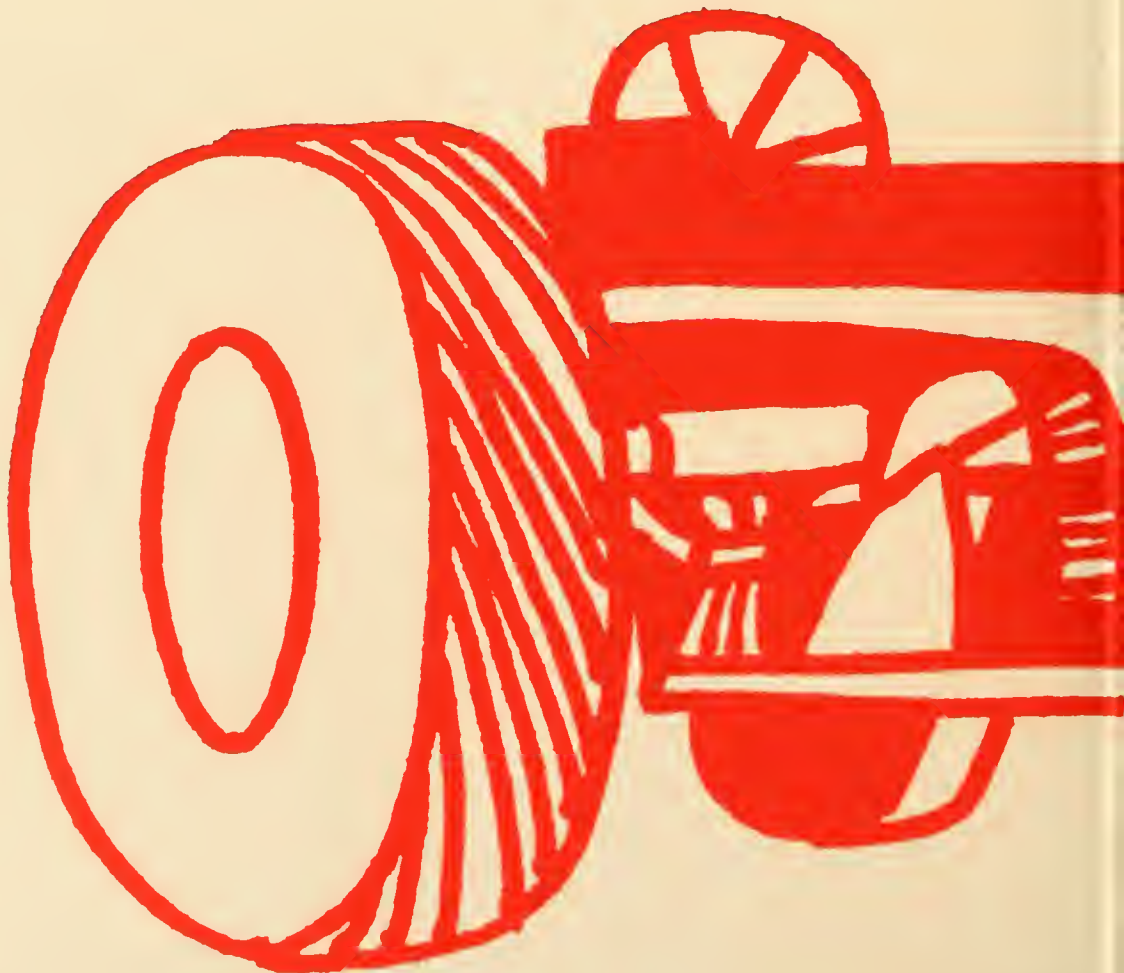
Maybe yes, maybe no. . . Here are some facts: The number of farms in the U. S. has been declining since 1935. New farm machinery, improved chemical products, and advanced techniques have allowed the farmer to raise increasingly large crops. But machine power and chemical power now do much of the work, not human power.

This means that today there are fewer farm owners and unskilled farm workers than there were even a few short years ago.

But it also means that there are *more* jobs for skilled farm-machine operators and maintenance men, more jobs for trained professionals to develop new equipment and agricultural products.

There are also more jobs for individuals to package, transport and get them to market.

Much of farming is now *big business*. And there can be a future in it for those young people who prepare themselves to meet its challenges.



## MANY OTHER FIELDS OF WORK

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Jobs related to agriculture are found in almost every type of employment. This includes forestry, construction, manufacturing, transportation, communications, electric, gas, and sanitary services; wholesale and retail trade; finance, insurance, real estate, and government.

Some jobs are tied directly to farming. These include jobs in feed mills, fertilizer plants, farm machinery industries, farm supply stores, food processing plants, and many other businesses that process, distribute, or transport farm products and farm supplies.

Others are indirectly dependent upon farming activity, such as the jobs in research with government agencies, colleges, agricultural experiment stations, cooperatives, and the private businesses that buy from, sell to, or serve farmers.

Teaching, writing, television, radio, conservation, farmer organizations and trade associations, and government regulatory and inspection agencies are also important sources of employment for people with rural backgrounds.





## **MANY KINDS OF JOBS UTILIZE RURAL BACKGROUND**

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### College or Graduate Degree Required

Agronomist  
Animal Husbandman  
Dairy Bacteriologist  
Farm Management Consultant  
Food Chemist  
Forest Entomologist  
Human Nutritionist

### High School or Special Training Required

Combine Operator  
Conservation Aide  
Custom-Feed Mill Operator  
Farm Equipment Mechanic  
Farm Implements Salesman  
Feed Blender  
Grain Inspector

### College or Graduate Degree Required

Irrigation Engineer  
Labor Economist  
Market Research Analyst  
Plant Pathologist  
Rural Sociologist  
Soil Scientist  
Veterinary Parasitologist  
Vocational Agricultural Teacher

### High School or Special Training Required

Home Demonstration Agent  
Home Economist  
Insecticide Salesman  
Nurseryman  
Packing Foreman  
Plant Breeder  
Poultry Buyer  
Soil Tester

And many, many others. . . .



## **WHAT TO DO TO GET THE JOB YOU WANT**

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Learn all you can about the field of work in which you are most interested. Find out what the qualifications are, and plan to continue your schooling until you have at least obtained the minimum qualifications. Learn something about present working conditions, and about what the future would hold for you in this line of work.

Talk about it. Talk to as many people as you can who are employed in this work. They know best the good and bad points. Talk to your school counselor, your parents, teachers, 4-H leader. Ask them to advise you in planning your future.

Visit a place where this kind of work is done (first make an appointment) and see it actually being performed.

Try to get a summer job in this field, to test your own personal interest in it.

Read about it. A starter list of reading materials appears later. These, and others, are available at most libraries, and at your State Employment Service office.

## **WHEN YOU ARE READY . . .**

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When you are ready to start looking for a job, ask your school principal when the State employment service representative will be coming to your school. Or visit the nearest office of your State employment service.

There you will be able to get:

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Information on jobs available.

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Assistance in finding the kind of job you want and will be qualified for when you are through with school.

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Counseling and testing help, if you need further guidance in selecting a field of work.

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Information on ways to get training, if the job you want calls for it, and if you qualify.





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### FINAL WORD

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Now you're on your own. This little pamphlet is only meant to start you thinking and planning.

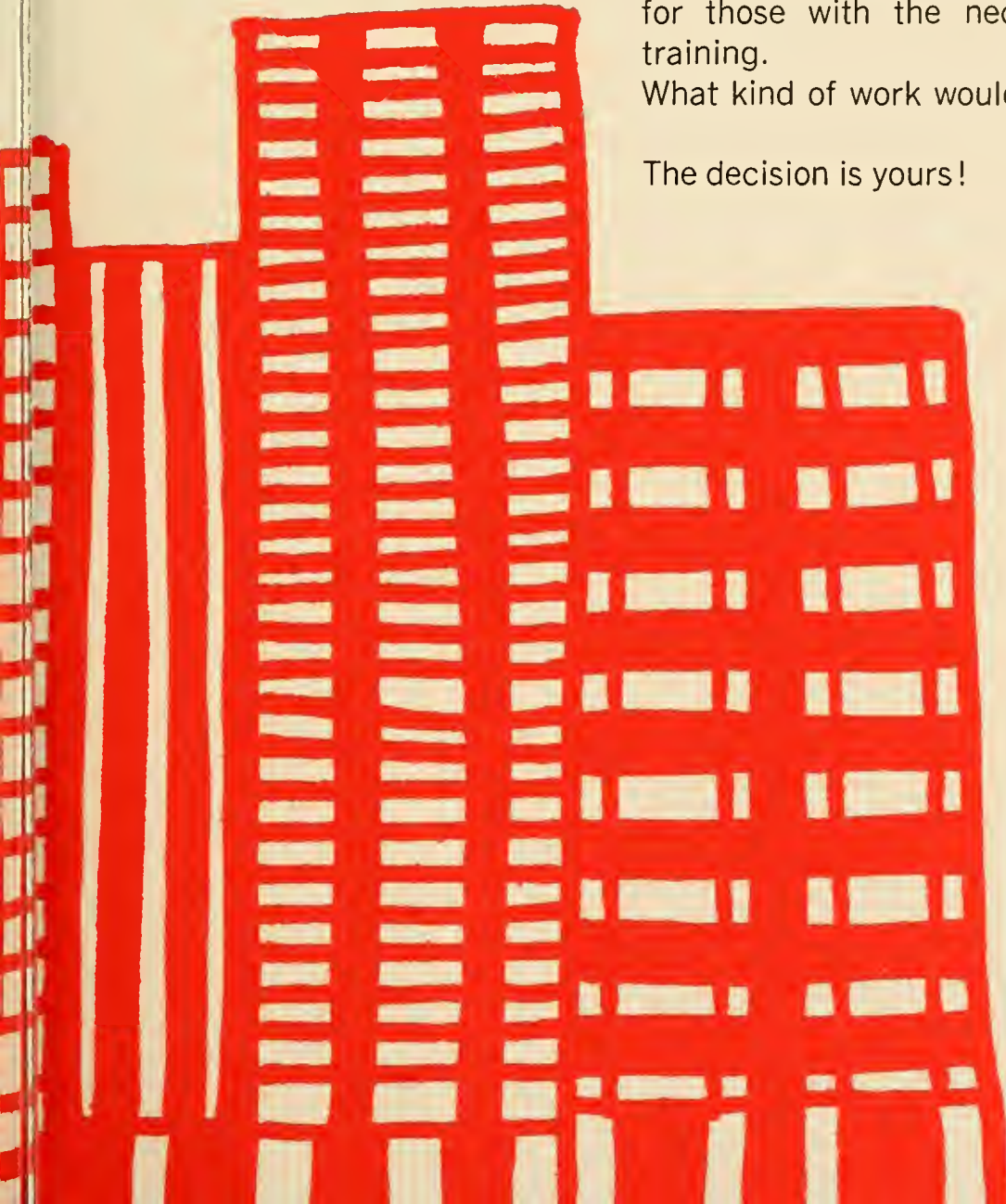
Will you stay in a rural area? Although unskilled farm jobs have declined, the number of farm-related skilled and professional jobs has never been greater. Boys and girls brought up in the country have an edge on city youth for many of these jobs.

Will you move to the city? Your rural background may also benefit you in some urban jobs. However, all types of jobs are available in cities. For most of them your education, training, and/or experience are the things which will get you on the payroll.

Country or city, there are plenty of opportunities for those with the necessary education and training.

What kind of work would you like to do?

The decision is yours!



## **A LIST OF READING MATERIAL TO HELP YOU SELECT THE KIND OF WORK YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO**

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I've Found My Future in Agriculture,  
available at State Agricultural Colleges

There Is A Future In Your Farm Background,  
National Sales Executive, Inc.  
630 3rd Ave., New York, New York

Jobs in Outdoor Work,  
Science Research Associates, Inc.,  
259 E. Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611

Occupational Outlook Handbook,  
Government Printing Office,  
Washington, D. C. 20402, \$5.00

Helping Rural Youth Choose Careers,  
Government Printing Office,  
Washington, D. C. 20402, \$.05

Job Guide for Young Workers,  
Government Printing Office,  
Washington, D. C. 20402, \$.45

Career Guide for Demand Occupations,  
Government Printing Office,  
Washington, D. C. 20402, \$.30

How to Get and Hold the Right Job,  
Government Printing Office,  
Washington, D. C. 20402, \$.10

Choosing Your Occupation,  
Government Printing Office,  
Washington, D. C. 20402, \$.15

Careers in Agribusiness and Industry,  
by Archie A. Stone  
The Interstate Printers & Publishers, Inc.,  
Danville, Ill. 1965 (285 pages)







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